**Import of Pesticides**

776. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the pesticides imported in the country during the last three years, year-wise, indicating their value and quantities and names of the manufacturers; and

(b) the purpose for which each of these pesticides are generally used indicating the crops etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The quantity of pesticides imported during last 3 years is as under:—

| Year | Quantity (in MT Technical Grade) |
|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 3230 |
| 1989-90 | 1389 |
| 1990-91 | 1094 |

The statements indicating the pesticidewise break up of the above quantity; their value alongwith names of importers/manufacturers are placed at *Annexure-I(A), 1(B) and 1(C) respectively*. [See Appendix CLX Annexure No.31]

(b) The Statement is placed at Annexure-II. [See Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 32.]

**Use of Allethrin for Mosquito Repellants**

777. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Allethrin is being widely used in India for household mosquito repellants without any clearance from the registration authorities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that clear evidence has been found in U.S.A. about the harmful effec of Allethrin used in these gadget and

(d) if so, whether Governmer propose to put a ban on the use Allethrin these gadgets till furth detailed investigations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE I THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTUR (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA CHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Registra tion Committee set up under the In secticides Act, 1968 has granted re gistration for use of Allethrin a mosquito repellants for household purposes only after satisfying itsel regarding efficacy of this insecticid and its safety to human beings and environment.

(c) According to available informa tion United States Environmenta Protection Agency (USEPA) hav not found any harmful effects in use of Allethrin as mosquito repellant.

(d) In view of the above the Question does not arise.

**Ban on Khoya and its Import in Delhi**

778. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of consumers' and small khoya manufacturers resentment against ban on khoya making and its import in Delhi as appeared in the Indian Express of the 10th August, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that such ban only help racketeers and whether it is a fact that such a ban was not imposed during 1977-78 and there was absolutely no black marketing and no artificial shortages of milk and its products at that time; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review the above policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the News item.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Administration has lifted the ban on manufacture of khoya w.e.f. 22.8.91.

**Sale of Dhara Oil**

779. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 281 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1991 and state:

(a) the quantities of Dhara oil sold so far, city-wise, since inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that maximum sales have taken place in oil-rich States; and

(c) what is the quantity of imported and indigenous vegetable oils released to various State Cooperative Milk Federations since inception of CLUSA|CIDA projects and reasons for imbalances, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The quantity of Dhara sold in various markets since August, 1988 is given in the Statement-I.

(b) While deciding on the marketing strategy of Dhara, it was necessary to consider entering those markets which are largest in terms of consumption of the most sensitive oil i.e. groundnut oil as the price fluctuations in the oil sector are largely caused by the instability in these markets. It is for this reason that the major markets of Maharashtra and Gujarat have been covered for marketing of groundnut oil. For mustard oil, however, the major markets are Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Statewise sale of donated oil is indicated in the Statement-II. The oil is sold through State Level Cooperative Oilseeds Growers Federations and not through the State Cooperative Milk Federations. Differences in the quantities of oils sold to different Federations are due to a number of reasons. Different States Federations were registered at different points of time and hence the oil received at the initial stages of the project was sold through Federations existing at that time. The size of the project being implemented in a particular State is another factor for deciding the quantity of oil to be supplied to the State Federation to help it to generate surpluses in the initial years of operation. The readiness of the marketing infrastructure of a State Federation is also a determining factor for allocating oil to be sold by that Federation.

**Statement I**

*Sale of Dhara in Various Markets Since August*, 1988

(All Figures in Metric Tonnes)

| Financial Year | Gujarat | | Maharashtra | | Delhi & UP | | UP Calcutta | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | GNO | MO | GNO | MO | GNO | Country RRO/ MO | RRO/ MO | MO | |
| 1988-89 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1187 | .. | .. | 1187 |
| 1989-90 | 5129 | .. | 8666 | .. | 456 | 5425 | 511 | .. | 19887 |
| 1990-91 | 21685 | 3543 | 23319 | 3252 | 1563 | 15645 | 2962 | 1651 | 73620 |
| 1991-92 (Upto July) | 8915 | 1670 | 8882 | 1432 | 173 | 6555 | 1710 | 1185 | 30522 |
| TOTAL | 35729 | 5213 | 40867 | 4684 | 1892 | 28812 | 5183 | 2836 | 125219 |

GNO— Groundnut Oil
MO— Mustard Oil
RRO— Refined Rapseed Oil. Its Marketing has been discontinued since July, 1990.
Upcountry includes the States of J&K, H.P., Haryana, Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh.